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SUBJECT: AIR RESCUE SERVICES TO BERLIN

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1. THE QUESTION OF AIR RESCUE SERVICES IN BERLIN WAS CONSIDERED IN AUGUST 10 BONN GROUP MEETING. US REP NOTED THE REFTEL CONCERNS AND INDICATED THAT INTERFLUG SHOULD HAVE AS LOW A LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT AS POSSIBLE IN SERVICING WEST BERLIN.

2. FRG REP (HENZE) SAID THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN THE SITUATION. ACCORDING TO HENZE, THE DECISION TO USE INTERFLUG WAS MADE BY RETTUNGSFLUGWACH AND NOT BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

3. HENZE SAID THE SITUATION HAD DEVELOPED QUICKLY. RETTUNGSFLUGWACH HAD SELECTED INTERFLUG FOR THE FLIGHT
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TO AFGHANISTAN. THE FOREIGN OFFICE, THE CHANCELLOR'S

OFFICE, AND THE FEDERAL TRANSPORT MINISTRY WERE NOT INFORMED OF THE DECISION IN TIME TO STOP IT. THUS, POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WERE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION FOR THE STOPOVER IN STUTTGART WAS GIVEN BY AN OFFICER IN THE DEFENSE MINISTRY.

4. FRENCH REP (LASSUS) NOTED THAT IN THE PAST A LIST OF FRENCH CARRIERS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE SENAT. HOWEVER, RETTUNGSFLUGWACH HAD SAID THEY WERE TOO EXPENSIVE. THAT MIGHT PARTLY EXPLAIN THE DECISION IN THIS CASE.

5. IN DIRECT CONTRAST TO THE IMPRESSION CONVEYED BY THE SENAT, REFTTEL PARA 3, HENZE FIRMLY DENIED FOREIGN OFFICE PATERNITY FOR THE DECISION. HE SAID THAT THEY VERY MUCH REGRETTED WHAT HAD HAPPENED.
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